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SUBJ: INVITATIONS TO SMITHSONIAN AND AMERICAN STUDIES
CONFERENCE

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1. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS NOW INTERSTED
IN ATTENDANCE AT BOTH SMITHSONIAN AND FOLLOW-UP AMERICAN
STUDIES CONFERENCE BY PROF. AJAYI AND PROF. AGIRI.

2. SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE, IN WHICH AFRICANS WOULD BE
OBSERVERS, IS DESCRIBED IN STATE A-3157. AMERICAN STUDIES
CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE MUCH SMALLER WORKING MEETING
OCTOBER 1-3. WILL HAVE EIGHT PRACTICAL GOALS:

A. TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF
AMERICAN STUDIES, BY PUTTING SCHOLARS FROM ONE REGION IN
TOUCH WITH THOSE FROM ANOTHER.
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B. TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF MAING EFFECTIVE TRANS-
LATIONS OF AMERICAN MATERIALS AVAILABLE, GIVEN THE
IMPERFECT MARKET PLACE.

C. TO CARRY FORWARD THE PROJECT FOR A SYSTEMATIC INVENTORY OF AMERICAN-RELATED MANUSCRIPTS AND OTHER MATERIALS OVERSEAS.

D. TO DISCUSS HOW TO CREATE HISTORIES OF THE UNITED STATES WRITTEN IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES BY SCHOLARS FROM FOREIGN NATIONS, WHO ARE ALERT TO THE REASONS THEIR COUNTRYMEN WISH TO READ ABOUT AMERICA AND WHO CARRY LOCALLY CREDITED CREDENTIALS, AND TO MAKE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH BOOKS.

E. TO DISCUSS HOW WE MAY CONTINUE COMMUNICATIONS FROM ICASA TO THE REST OF THE WORLD OF AMERICAN STUDIES.

F. TO DEFINE THE NATURE OF THE TEACHING MATERIALS GENUINELY NEEDED WITHIN EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS.

G. TO DEFINE AN INTERNATIONAL FACULTY OF AMERICANISTS.

H. TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROPOSED SINGLE-COUNTRY WORKSHOPS IN 1977-78.

3. PLEASE CABLE WHETHER POST INTERESTED IN NOMINATING AJAYI AND AGIRI FOR TRANSITION QUARTER IV GRANTS COVERING CONFERENCE PERIODS SEPTEMBER 27 THROUGH OCTOBER 3. WOULD HOPE GRANTEES ABLE SPEND TOTAL OF AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN U.S. (INCLUDING CONFERENCE PERIODS). KISSINGER

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